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## Dear Contractor:

On September 18, 2001, the Eau Claire City Council passed an ordinance to amend §2.92.215 of the City of Eau Claire Code entitled "Prevailing wage on building or work financed in whole or in part with city financial assistance". Compliance with City of Eau Claire Prevailing Wage Ordinance will require Contractors who perform work for the City involving the "erection, construction, remodeling, repairing or demolition of buildings, parking lots, highways, streets, bridges, sidewalks, street lighting, traffic signals, sanitary sewers, water mains and appurtenances, storm sewers, and the grading and landscaping of public lands" to compensate their employees at the prevailing wage rate in accordance with §66.0903, Wis. Stats., Chapter DWD 290, Wis. Adm. Code, and §2.92.215 of the City of Eau Claire Code. In addition, Contractors shall maintain weekly payroll records of its employees, subcontractors and agents. The Contractor shall submit these payroll records to the City upon completion of the project along with an affidavit stating that the prevailing wage requirements were met on the project, that the Contractor received evidence of compliance from the subcontractors and agents used on the project, and the names and addresses of those subcontractors and agents. The City may withhold any final payment or retainage until Contractor provides the City with the required payroll records and affidavit of compliance. Please note that these payroll records may be subject to the Wisconsin Open Records Law and would therefore be available to any person requesting to receive copies. Names, addresses and any other personally identifying information will be redacted prior to release.

Per the ordinance, failure to comply with this paragraph and the provisions of the laws, regulations and ordinances it references shall constitute default of the contract. The ordinance provides that three or more violations of §2.92.215 Regulation of Public Work will result in disqualification of the contractor from bidding on any project subject to said ordinance for a period of three (3) years following such finding by the Eau Claire City Council.

Please take a moment to visit our website (<u>www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us</u>) and read the new ordinance. The prevailing wage rates may be found at the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development website (<u>www.dwd.state.wi.us</u>). If you don't have access to the internet you may visit the Purchasing Department at 203 S. Farwell and pick up a copy of the ordinance and/or wage rates.

If after reading the ordinance or reviewing the wage rates you have questions, please contact Craig Amundson, Purchasing Manager.

Sincerely,

Craig Amundson, Purchasing Manager

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